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It is agreed that section EF, shown in Figure 6, does not teach joining the two sets of lines. However, the proposed rejection encompasses using any of the modules of Stumpmeier and Figure 11 shows a module which does join the two lines. The use of a module of Figure 11 in a plurality of bores 8 is considered to be well within the ambit of §103 and such a configuration would meet the claim language.

Applicant's arguments that all of the dependent claims recite allowable subject matter are not agreed with. For example, Figure 10 shows blocking a flow line and Figure 12 shows valving.

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